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Victim's family upset at firefighter's acquittal

Deadly crash. Fire-truck driver was accused of running a red light in a collision that killed a Mississauga woman

Firefighter Jarrett Johns arrives at the Ontario Court of Justice in Mississauga on Monday for what would be an acquittal after a charge of running a red light in the accident that killed Kimberely Schulz, 42. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Firefighter Jarrett Johns was en route to another collision that grey afternoon in March, 2011. Instead, the fire truck he was driving slammed into Kimberley Schulz's black Mazda, instantly killing the Mississauga mother and wife.

After an emotional trial that hinged on the colour of a traffic light, the Toronto man was acquitted of running a red light in a Mississauga court Monday — a ruling Schulz's devastated family called "completely and utterly unacceptable."

They vowed to lobby the Ontario government for changes to the Highway Traffic Act, a law they called "toothless" in the case of fatal injuries.

"That's bulls–t," yelled a family member into the courtroom after the verdict was read out.

"Go live a happy life," she said to Johns.

After hearing 19 often-conflicting witness testimonies, Justice of the Peace Hilda Weiss ruled there was no proof beyond a reasonable doubt that Johns ran a red light.

"My ruling today does not change the fact that you have lost someone very precious to you," Weiss said to Schulz's family and friends, who filled several rows of the Ontario Court of Justice courtroom.

The words were of little comfort to the family, who, in a prepared statement read by Schulz's husband, Rob Schulz, announced their plans to lobby for legal changes.

"The fact that this case was treated as any other running-a-red-light case, even though there was a fatality involved, is just wrong," said Rob Schulz.

If convicted, Johns would have been fined $1,000.

The charge (and the consequence, had there been a finding of guilt) is not overly harsh because his alleged crime was failure to stop at a red light, not causing Schulz's death, said Toronto criminal lawyer Jonathan Rosenthal.

Schulz, 42, died instantly when the truck broadsided her car at the intersection of Britannia Road West and Rodeo Drive, a few blocks from her home. The mother of a 19-year-old son had been on her way home from a hockey game.

As the verdict was read out, Johns, in his late 30s, was stoic. Outside the courthouse, he gave no comment about the verdict, saying only: "It was a tragedy." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Critical of verdict

"If anything, this verdict proves that the Highway Traffic Act is a toothless piece of legislation that needs a major overhaul." Rob Schulz, victim's husband.

Bugging the city for some money

After posting a $70-million operating surplus for the first three months of 2012, the City of Toronto is being hit up for cash by supporters of the "Bed Bug Team," which was dismantled last week after its funding ran out PAGE 3

The word gay is a 'distraction,' Catholic school leaders claim

Officials are fighting a Liberal government push for student anti-homophobia clubs to be called "gay" if teens wish. At stake is $7 billion a year in taxpayer funding for separate schools PAGE 4

Winnipeg mom reunited with missing kids

Emily Cablek was reunited with her two children almost four years after they were taken from her and moved around Mexico, authorities said Monday. Could the kids recognize their mom after such a long time away from her? PAGE 6

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City reports $70M surplus

Austerity measures. Most of the money saved is from hiring freezes, critics say

The City of Toronto posted a $70-million operating surplus in the first three months of 2012, thanks to lower spending and higher revenues from the land transfer tax and TTC fares.

"All of that is good news," Coun. Peter Milczyn said. "It shows the change at city hall is bearing fruit and city staff are looking at ways to be efficient and save money. Just because it's budgeted for doesn't mean you have to spend it."

Owing mainly to austerity measures such as hiring freezes, the city has reported large surpluses in recent years. The surplus for 2011 came in at $292 million, most of which was used to buy streetcars.

While the city racked up $70 million from January to March, the trend isn't likely to continue, a staff report warns. It's estimated the final surplus for 2012 will total $90 million.

Opponents of Mayor Rob Ford's cost-cutting program believe the full-year surplus will be much higher, based on the number of vacant positions that won't be filled.

"I'm betting it will be much more than $90 million, maybe double, triple or even quadruple that figure," Coun. Joe Mihevc said. "The TTC is a prime example. We cut a whole bunch of routes during peak hours because there's no money. Well, now there's more money … there's way more money, but they don't want to tell you that there's way more money."

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Bedbug warriors

Bring back bedbug team: Councillor

Toronto's Board of Health called for cash to resurrect its bedbug-eradication team on the same day the city revealed it has a surplus.

"I don't think there is any excuse not to when it turns out, in the first quarter of 2012, the city has a $70-million surplus," Coun. Paula Fletcher said Monday.

The team was dismantled last week after its funding ran out. The province had kicked in one-time funding of $1.2 million for a single year, which just ended. This year, the city asked the province for another $500,000 to keep the team going, but is still awaiting a response.

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Jonathan Bergen's rear window was smashed in by falling debris while parked at the Petro-Canada station at Kennedy and Derry roads. Air Canada could not confirm if the debris came from its grounded jet.

RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Failed engine grounds jet

An Air Canada flight carrying 318 passengers had to make an emergency landing on Monday amid reports that hot chunks of blackened metal were falling from the sky over Mississauga.

Air Canada Flight 001 took off at about 2:10p.m. and was en route to Narita, Japan when one of the engines shut down. The airline could not confirm whether the fallen pieces of metal were from the Boeing 777 jet.

Jason Flick, 42, was on board when the engine died.

"It was definitely a surprise," he said.

Flick commended the work of the pilots, who landed at Pearson airport at 3:53 p.m. "I was quite surprised that everyone was very calm," he said. "I seemed to be more scared than everyone else."

An Air Canada representative said the company is unsure why the engine died but is investigating, as is the Transportation Safety Board of Canada.

Peel Regional Police answered calls at 2:31 p.m. from residents near Kennedy Road and Courtneypark Drive East who said pieces of metal falling from the sky damaged their cars.

Jonathan Bergen was at the Petro-Canada station at Derry and Kennedy roads when he discovered his Nissan Altima had been damaged.

"The whole windshield was kind of the Spiderman look with a hole in it," he said.

"It'll be a nice refreshing ride home," he added with a smile. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Gun deaths down, despite rise in shootings: Police

The number of shootings has jumped across Toronto, but in a surprising twist, fewer people are dying, Toronto police say.

They offer two explanations: Gang members are firing guns more often as an intimidation tactic, and better teamwork with paramedics means more shooting victims are being saved.

Garrie Wright of Toronto EMS says advances in training and teamwork are saving more lives, although statistics to support his view are not collected.

One improvement is that specially trained paramedics are embedded 24 hours a day with specialty units such as emergency task force officers. "They train with them. We put them into the hot zone with highly trained officers," Wright said.

Paramedics are also being let into crime scenes more quickly. "Police recognize the need to get us in to that patient and get us out."

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Gun incidents

- There have been 99 shooting incidents as of Monday, compared to 69 at this time last year (a rise of 44 per cent). The number of gun victims has risen to 121 from 76 (a 59 per cent increase).
- Only 10 people have been shot dead so far this year compared to 11 at this time last year.

Crime

Husband charged in wife's death

A Brampton man is accused of killing his wife. Peel police say the body of Lakhvir Dhaliwal, 37, showed obvious signs of trauma. Jatinder Dhaliwal is charged with second-degree murder.

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Good Samaritan

GTA man tried to stop assault: Police

An Etobicoke man killed last week in Saskatoon was trying to stop an assault when he was shot, police there believe. Macdonald George, 31, died of his injuries in hospital. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO IN SASKATOON

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On the web

Women can't get no satisfaction

Sex isn't all it's cracked up to be, at least for Canadian women. So says a new study that found the fairer sex are only "making do." The survey found only 31 per cent of Canadian women have an orgasm during regular sex compared to 84 per cent of men. More at metronews.ca

Mobile news

A new app might prove useful to Canadians heading out on road trips this summer and seeking timely health information along the way. Scan the code to read more

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Bullying. Catholic leaders step up fight against provincial bill

Taxpayer funding of $7 billion a year for separate schools is erupting as a flashpoint as defiant Catholic officials fight a Liberal government push for student anti-homophobia clubs to be called "gay" if teens wish.

The opposition came Monday from the Catholic archbishop of Toronto, Cardinal Tom Collins, who accused Premier Dalton McGuinty's minority administration of making "religious freedom ... a second-class right."

Using the word "gay" in the name of supportive clubs is going too far under Ontario's proposed new anti-bullying law, added Marino Gazzola, chair of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association.

"In our view, the word itself is a distraction," he said.

"We want the focus to be on more than just one thing, more than just the sexuality of the student. We want the focus to be on the entire student."

The church-versus-state showdown was sparked by an amendment from Education Minister Laurel Broten to the anti-bullying bill, closing a loophole that gave schools veto power over club names.

Broten says separate schools must follow the law as "we root out discrimination of all kinds, whether it's racism, whether it's misogyny, whether it's homophobia.

"Our Catholic schools are public schools ... every single one of our schools, whether Catholic or public, must be safe and accepting places for all of our students."

Collins disagreed with the use of the word "gay" and pleaded in a three-page statement: "We simply ask that diversity be respected in our society."

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The motive?

Progressive Conservatives say the wording of the bill is a thinly veiled attempt to undermine the $7 billion a year that Catholic schools get from Ontario taxpayers — almost one-third the annual education budget.

A long day's journey for this knight

Vincent Gabriel Kirouac is seen on Reesor Road in Pickering. He is crossing Canada with his mare Coeur-de-Lion in the name of chivalry. He has travelled more than 1,400 kilometres since starting out in Quebec on his way to Vancouver. He is not raising money, but is hoping to raise awareness of the chivalric principles of public service and citizen involvement. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Prison privacy

Judge rules against bathroom videos

Videotaping prisoners using the toilet in holding cells violates their Charter rights to privacy and is demeaning, a judge has ruled.

The decision, released earlier this month, involved a woman arrested for drunk driving who had blood alcohol levels more than three times the legal limit.

Justice Peter West stayed the woman's charges and ruled that police monitoring and videotaping detainees violates the Charter right to be protected against unreasonable search and seizure. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Flip-flop

Mayor says he's not cutting diet

Mayor Rob Ford returned Monday to the radio station where he announced Sunday that he had quit his diet. His message to NewsTalk 1010 listeners this time: I haven't quit my diet.

In the latest odd twist in his tumultuous "Cut the Waist Challenge," Ford said Monday he didn't mean he was abandoning the challenge when he said Sunday that he had stopped dieting and doesn't care about his scheduled weigh-ins. He plans to have one last weigh in on June 18.

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Mother reunited with her missing children

Alleged abduction. Four years after they were taken by their father, kids found in Guadalajara, Mexico

Emily Cablek, centre, poses with her two children, Abby and Dominic Maryk, in Winnipeg on Monday. WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Emily Cablek has been reunited with her two children almost four years after they were taken from her, moved around Mexico and kept hidden from public view, authorities said Monday.

Cablek saw her children Dominic and Abby Maryk, now eleven and nine years old respectively, on the weekend after they were found in a home in Guadalajara on Friday. Their father, Kevin Maryk, was arrested on a charge of child abduction and is in custody in Mexico.

Cablek said in a statement that she is the "happiest mommy" in the world right now and would like to have uninterrupted time with her children.

"I'm asking please give my family some privacy so that we can begin to heal," she said. "We have a long road ahead and I want my children to feel completely safe through all of it. They deserve nothing less."

Police allege Maryk abducted his children during a court-ordered visit on Aug. 16, 2008, and moved around frequently to avoid detection. He lived for a while in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, before moving to Guadalajara. Police allege he kept the kids inside the home during the day — forbidding them from going to school, playing with other kids or seeing a physician.

Authorities are now trying to extradite Maryk, 40, and Robert Neil Groen, 41, from Mexico on child-abduction charges. Police have also issued a Canada-wide warrant for Cody John McKay, 23, who is alleged to have helped in the abduction.

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Court case

Rwandan pleads not guilty at war-crimes trial

Was former Rwandan schoolteacher Jacques Mungwarere a cold, young killer who shot even children as part of the 1994 genocide, or is he the victim of a series of politically charged fabrications?

This is what Judge Michel Charbonneau must decide in Canada's second war-crimes trial.

On Monday, Mungwarere pleaded not guilty to one count of genocide by murder, and one count of crimes against humanity by murder, as his trial began in Ontario Superior Court. He had already opted against a jury trial.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cape Breton

Body found in hockey bag

Police in Nova Scotia are investigating the discovery of human remains found stuffed inside a hockey bag and floating on a river.

Police in Cape Breton say the body was found around 8 p.m. by homeowners after they spotted the bag floating on the river behind their home on Hillside Road in Marion Bridge. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tuition talks resume

Gabriel Nadeau Dubois, a spokesperson for student group C.L.A.S.S.E., responds to questions before a meeting with student associations and the Quebec government on the conflict over tuition hikes in Quebec City on Monday. CLEMENT ALLARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tlicho. App helps preserve Aboriginal language

Anyone who wants to brush up on their Tlicho language can now carry an Aboriginal elder with them in their back pocket, thanks to a new smartphone app.

University of Victoria associate professor of linguistics Leslie Saxon partnered up with the Tlicho Community Services Agency to launch the free Yati Dictionary App for the Tlicho language, one of the Dene languages of the Northwest Territories, just this month.

While Tlicho is considered a fairly strong language — with about 2,000 to 3,000 fluent speakers — Saxon says an app like this would help maintain the language by giving beginners easier access to the language and helping speakers perfect their pronunciation.

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Adam Lambert Trespasses at MuchMusic

Adam Lambert takes centre stage to co-host MuchMusic's NEW.MUSIC.LIVE. on Monday, with host Lauren Toyota. Lambert was in town to promote his latest album Trespassing, which is currently No. 1 according to Billboard Magazine. Fans crowded the MuchMusic headquarters to watch the star in action as he talked about life, love, and of course, music. COURTESY MUCHMUSIC

Author prepares for mission to the top

Free The Children.
Without use of his legs, motivational speaker to climb Mount Kilimanjaro

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Spencer West is in countdown mode to the most "terrifying and exciting" event of his life — climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

West, an author and motivational speaker with Free The Children, is about to embark on a journey of a lifetime, and his message is simple.

"We have the potential to redefine what's possible," said the 31-year-old from Toronto, where he lives and works.

"That's why, with my new Redefine Possible mission, I'm using my story and challenges to inspire others to overcome obstacles and get involved in whatever they are passionate about."

West knows about obstacles; he lost his legs at the age of five and will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain at 5,895 metres, using his wheelchair, on his hands and with the help of his two best friends and co-workers, David Johnson and Alex Meers.

"Not only is it physically challenging, it can be mentally challenging" so who better to tackle it with than his friends, said West. "Of course we want to get to the top but if we don't, at least we tried ... It's been about the journey."

West, who's shared his story with thousands of kids at We Day events held across Canada, said he hopes to raise $750,000 through the trip — money that will go towards bringing sustainable clean water to 18,500 Kenyans, who last year experienced the region's worst drought in 60 years.

Spencer West, a Me to We motivational speaker with no legs, speaks at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto for We Day in this 2010 file photo.
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Follow his journey

West said he hopes all of the kids and teens that have heard him speak, as well as those who read about his trip, will follow his journey at freethechildren.com/redefinepossible, Facebook and Twitter (#RedefinePossible), and consider making a donation.

- He is asking people to donate $10 for every step of his 20,000-step climb.

We Day event expands with partnership

Free the Children's youth empowerment We Day event will be hitting more cities this year, after reaching a multimillion-dollar partnership with RBC, organizers said Monday.

"We Day is going national," Free the Children founder Craig Kielburger told a crowd of roughly 200 at the Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum.

The partnership will help facilitate the expansion of We Day to five new locations across Canada and support We Schools in Action, a program that engages students and teachers in local and global social justice, he said. RBC will become the national co-title sponsor for both initiatives.

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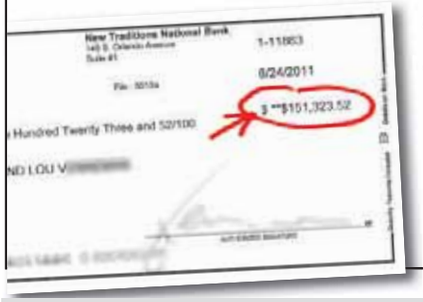

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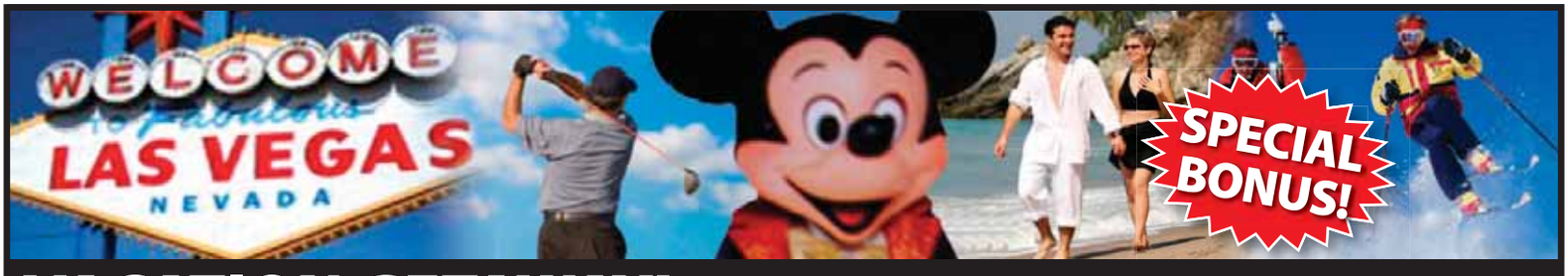

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Licence plate sold for $165,600

The World Wide Web has inspired a bidding war in Malaysia — on licence plates.

When the prefix "WWW" became available on this Southeast Asian country's plates, more than 18,000 people submitted bids. The Road Transport Department said Monday that the most coveted plate, "WWW1," sold for a record 520,000 ringgit ($165,600 US) to Malaysian royal state leader Sultan Ibrahim Ismail.

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Officials estimate the successful WWW bids will earn the transport department 11.3 million ringgit ($3.6 million).

The previous highest sum paid for a licence plate in Malaysia was 300,100 ringgit ($95,600) in 2010 for MCA1, the acronym for a national political party.

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Australia

Bandits target wrong house

Two masked bandits robbed the wrong Australian home hours after a teenager posted a photo on Facebook of a large pile of her grandmother's savings.

New South Wales state police said Monday that the men, armed with a club and a knife, struck the home of the 17-year-old's mother in the country town of Bundanoon on Thursday night, but were told the daughter no longer lived there.

The bandits searched the house and took a small amount of cash as well as other property before leaving. No one was injured.

Police said that earlier Thursday, the girl had posted a picture on her Facebook page of a "large sum of cash" she had helped count at her 72-year-old grandmother's home in Sydney, 120 kilometres northeast of Bundanoon.

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Toraaki Ogata drives a tractor to plant rice saplings in a paddy field in Fukushima, northeastern Japan, on May 21. YURI KAGEYAMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rice farmers praying for harvest free of radiation

Fukushima, Japan. Every grain needs to meet safety standards in order to be sold

Last year's crop sits in storage, deemed unsafe to eat, but Toraaki Ogata is back at his rice paddies, driving his tractor trailing neat rows of seedlings. He's living up to his family's proud, six-generation history of rice farming, and praying that this time his harvest will not have too much radiation to sell.

That conflict is shared by several thousand farmers in more than 17,000 acres of Fukushima, where some of last year's harvest exceeded government safety standards because of radiation released when the March 2011 tsunami set off the world's second-worst nuclear accident. For their rice to be sold, it will have to be tested — every grain of it.

"All I can do is pray there will be no radiation," Ogata, 58, said last week, wiping his sweat during a break in his 1.5-hectare paddy 60 kilometres from the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant.

Rice farming is almost sacred in rural Japan, and the government protects farmers with tight restrictions on imports. Many farmers are too close to the nuclear disaster to return to the fields, but others have gotten the go-ahead, even with the risk their harvests may end up being too radiated to ship.

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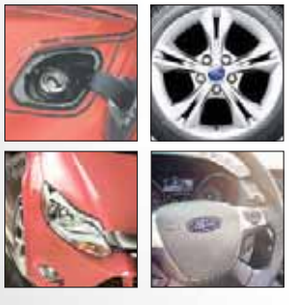

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This course will examine the impact conflict has on one's community and the role a mediator plays in assisting the community to resolve the conflict.

Russia loses patience with Assad regime

Turning point. Foreign minister's comments are unusually critical in wake of slaughter

UN special envoy Kofi Annan in Damascus, Syria on Monday.
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A weekend massacre of more than 100 people emerged as a potential turning point in the Syrian crisis Monday, galvanizing even staunch ally Russia to take an unusually hard line against President Bashar Assad's government.

Analysts said Russia may be warning Assad that he needs to change course or lose Moscow's support, which has been a key layer of protection for the Syrian government. Russia has grown increasingly critical of Damascus, but Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's latest comments were unusually strong. Although he said opposition forces have terrorists among them, he put the blame for 15 months of carnage primarily on Assad's government.

"The government bears the main responsibility for what is going on," Lavrov said in Moscow. "Any government in any country bears responsibility for the security of its citizens."

He said Russia has no interest in propping up Assad but wants Syria to guide its own transition under a plan brokered by special envoy Kofi Annan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Constitutional battle ignites turmoil in Nepal

Activists of the Nepal Students' Union burn an effigy of Prime Minister Baburam Bhattarai as they demand his resignation in Katmandu on Monday. Nepal sank into political turmoil after lawmakers failed to agree on a new constitution, leaving the country with no legal government. The premier called for new elections, but critics said he lacked the power to do so. NIRANJAN SHRESTHA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Qatar fire. Rescuers unable to reach 13 children trapped in upscale mall

Qatar's Interior Ministry said 13 children were among 19 people killed in a fire that broke out in one of the country's fanciest shopping malls late Monday morning, raising questions about building safety in the booming Gulf state.

At least some of the victims died as rescuers struggled to reach a child care centre at the Villaggio mall in the capital Doha, according to Qatar's Minister of State for Interior Affairs, Sheik Abdullah bin Nasser Al Thani.

"We tried our best, but when we got there, the children were trapped inside. We are very sorry for what happened. We tried as much as we could to save these people," Sheik Abdullah told reporters in Doha. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The father of a child killed in a mall fire in Doha, Qatar on Monday.
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Egypt. Mubarak's ex-PM to face Brotherhood candidate in runoff vote

The runoff vote for Egypt's next president will pit the Muslim Brotherhood's candidate against the last prime minister to serve under Hosni Mubarak.

Full official results were released Monday by the election commission.

Commission chief Farouq Sultan told a news conference that the Brotherhood's Mohammed Morsi and Ahmed Shafiq, a former air force commander and a longtime friend of the ousted leader, were the top two finishers in the first round of voting held on May 23-24.

Morsi won 5.76 million votes, or 24.77 per cent of the votes, while Shafiq got 5.5 million, 23.66 per cent.

Finishing a close third was leftist candidate Hamdeen Sabahi with 4.82 million votes, or 20.7 per cent.

Morsi and Shafiq have been the most polarizing of the 13 candidates who contested the first round, setting the stage for a fiercely contested runoff June 16-17.

Sultan said that of the 50 million registered voters, 23.67 million cast ballots, a turnout of 46.4 per cent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egyptian presidential candidates, Ahmed Shafiq, left, and Mohammed Morsi contest next month's runoff vote. KHALIL HAMRA/NASSER NASSER/AP PHOTOS

'Vatileaks' scandal

High-ranking prelates could be named

One of the Vatican's biggest-ever scandals widened Monday with the Pope's butler — arrested for allegedly having confidential documents in his home — agreeing to co-operate with investigators.

Paolo Gabriele's pledge to co-operate raises the spectre that prelates may be named in the investigation.

Italian media reports that a cardinal is suspected of playing a major role in the scandal. But the Vatican denies the reports. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Radical cleric

Qatada denied bail in Britain

A British judge denied bail to Abu Qatada, saying he could not risk having him out during the Olympics. Qatada has been described as an al-Qaida figure. He is fighting deportation to Jordan on terror charges. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Face-eating attacker

'Mental illness and drugs' blamed

A Miami cop was in counselling Monday after he shot and killed a naked man cannibalizing a man's face.

"It was the most gruesome thing I've ever seen," said Sgt. Javier Ortiz, a supervising officer on the scene.

Ortiz, who is also VP of the Miami chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police, blamed "mental illness and drugs" for the attack. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Turkey

Israeli military leaders charged

A Turkish court on Monday pressed charges against high-ranking members of Israel's military for killing nine people aboard a Turkish ship. The ship was trying to break Israel's blockade of Gaza in 2010. They face nine consecutive life terms in Turkey for "inciting to kill monstrously." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Police officers march away a man who threw an egg at the vehicle of former British prime minister Tony Blair as he was being driven away after appearing at the Leveson inquiry at the Royal Courts of Justice in London on Monday.

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Press barons bullied U.K. PM: Testimony

Scandal. 'I took a strategic decision to manage these people, not confront them': Tony Blair

Former prime minister Tony Blair said Monday that he couldn't stand up to the Britain's media tycoons while in power, telling an official media-ethics inquiry that doing so could have dragged his administration into a political quagmire.

Blair's testimony, briefly interrupted by a heckler who burst into the courtroom to call him a war criminal, included his longtime concerns about what he once described as the "feral beasts" of the media but had to tread carefully where press barons were concerned.

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Background

Justice Brian Leveson's inquiry was set up following revelations of phone hacking at Rupert Murdoch's News of the World tabloid, a scandal that has rocked the British establishment and raised questions about whether top politicians helped shield Murdoch from official scrutiny.

BMO survey. Fewer home renovations planned

Fewer Canadian homeowners are planning renovations this year, possibly reflecting increased concern over household debt, according to the Bank of Montreal's annual home renovation report.

The online survey conducted for BMO by Leger Marketing and released Monday found that 51 per cent of homeowners plan a renovation project this year, down from 62 per cent in 2011.

Among other things, the survey indicated that single-family homeowners far outpaced their condo-dwelling counterparts — 62 per cent versus 41 per cent respectively — when it came to renovation plans.

By region, 50 per cent of respondents in British Columbia were planning a renovation project, 52 per cent in Alberta, 67 per cent in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 55 per cent in Ontario, 37 per cent in Quebec and 59 per cent in the Atlantic provinces.

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Book awards

Examination of advertising wins

Bruce Philp has won the National Business Book Award for his examination of the advertising industry, shutting out former media baron Conrad Black who was nominated for his memoir A Matter of Principle.

Philp received the recognition for his book Consumer Republic: Using Brands to Get What You Want, Make Corporations Behave, and Maybe Even Save the World.

The National Business Book Award hands out $20,000 to the winner each year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Media

Postmedia cuts Sunday papers in major markets

Postmedia is axing several of its Sunday papers and plans to cut a number of jobs to combat declining ad revenue. Local papers in Calgary, Edmonton and Ottawa will lose their Sunday edition. As part of the changes, the company will expand its Hamilton operations to handle the editorial production of pages. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Tories table bill to end CP strike

Labour dispute. 'The work stoppage is preventing our ability to keep products moving in and out of Canada': Labour minister

Labour Minister Lisa Raitt says the government must act now to end a strike by 4,800 Canadian Pacific Railway workers in order to preserve the country's international reputation.

The Harper government has tabled back-to-work legislation, the third time it has intervened in a labour dispute in similar fashion in the last year.

With legislation introduced after question period on Monday, Raitt said she expects the railroad to be back in business by Thursday. Mediated contract talks between the railway and the Teamsters union representing locomotive engineers and conductors collapsed Sunday.

The union says the company is demanding up to a 40 per cent cut in the earned pensions of employees, after making a $570-million profit last year.

"We've spent our entire careers paying for this, contributing to this and relying on this," said Doug Finnson, union vice-president and chief negotiator. "And because the shareholders want increased value, they want to squeeze it out of our pension plan and then put it over to the shareholders." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Front-office turmoil

The labour unrest comes amid front-office turmoil that saw CP's chief executive officer Fred Green and much of the old company board forced out by an investor revolt, led by New York-based investor Bill Ackman of Pershing Square Capital Management LP.

- The departing CEO, who Ackman accused of running an underperforming company, walked away with an $18-million severance package, a point noted by Liberal House leader Marc Garneau.

Facebook founder's candid cameo

Social-media sites and blogs lit up after eagle-eyed viewers spotted a surprise cameo in a Chinese TV documentary about the country's police force — Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and his now-wife, Priscilla Chan, seen in this image taken from undated CCTV video. The footage shows the couple wearing the same clothes they were photographed in during a March 27 visit to Shanghai. Facebook is blocked in China, along with Twitter, YouTube and other foreign social media. HANDOUT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Watchdog. Restraint pays off for Ottawa, report says

The federal government was well on its way to reducing operating costs even before introducing new austerity measures in March, the budget watchdog said Monday.

The new report by Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page suggests Ottawa is succeeding with its plan to keep a lid on spending as part of the overall plan to balance the budget over the next four years.

While transfer payments to provinces and individuals for such things as health care, old age security and employment insurance continue to rise, most operating costs — which can be more easily controlled — are being curtailed.

Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The report shows that even without the latest initiative, unveiled in the March budget to cut operations spending by $5.2 billion and 19,200 public-service positions over the next three years, costs were already coming down. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Leadership. RIM to lose another senior executive

Research In Motion Ltd. is losing another senior executive as its chief legal officer is retiring amid reports RIM may announce a major restructuring this week, a move that could result in thousands of job cuts.

RIM said Monday that Karima Bawa had been in discussions about her retirement for some time and plans to stay on to help with the transition once a replacement has been hired

Bawa's retirement follows the departure last week of Patrick Spence, the BlackBerry maker's head of global sales.

Changes in the senior leadership at RIM follow the appointment of Thorsten Heins as RIM's president and chief executive earlier this year. Heins replaced co-chief executives Jim Balsillie and Mike Lazaridis after months of pressure from shareholders. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jobs

2,000

Several reports have suggested RIM will cut at least 2,000 jobs from its operations around the globe as part of massive restructuring. The cuts would follow a move last year to axe roughly 2,000 jobs. The company has about 16,500 employees.

CIBC survey. Most Canadians carrying debt

The majority of Canadians are in debt but nearly half of them are trying to pay off their dues ahead of schedule, according to a survey conducted for a major bank.

The study, commissioned by CIBC, found that 72 per cent of respondents said they held some form of debt such as a mortgage, student loan or credit card. But about 49 per cent of those responding to a phone survey conducted for CIBC said they've made an extra lump-sum payment in the last year to try and bring down what they owed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A PUFF TO EASE THE PAIN

SHE SAYS...
Jessica Napier
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A few years ago, my father was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. I can't really pinpoint the exact date because it took a good two years for my mother to stop referring to his illness as "MS-like symptoms" and actually start saying "MS."

Over time I've watched his ability to walk deteriorate. In 2010 we took a family trip to Cambodia and I saw him scale the temple walls at Angkor Wat from sunrise to sunset. Last weekend I helped him as he struggled to lift himself out of a Muskoka chair.

Sometimes I think about whether my father will be able to walk me down the aisle at my wedding, or whether he'll even be alive to witness it. I then, of course, immediately stop thinking about those things as they lead to crying fits in public places.

The more I'm confronted with the realities of this all-too-common autoimmune disease, the more desperate I'm becoming in my devouring of information about anything that might help.

High Times

"While other parents read DARE pamphlets about the perils of drug abuse to their children, my father enjoyed a monthly subscription to High Times magazine."

Last week, the University of California released a study demonstrating the benefits of marijuana for individuals suffering from MS. The study found that patients who smoked cannabis once a day experienced a significant reduction in muscle tightness and other painful symptoms associated with MS.

As a hippie, my father was practising this form of self-medication a good 40-something years before he was ever diagnosed. The only real difference is now he has a medical-marijuana licence and a copy of the Canadian Medical Association Journal to back him up.

While other parents read DARE pamphlets about the perils of drug abuse to their children, my father enjoyed a monthly subscription to High Times magazine. Marijuana was never an after-school-special kind of conversation topic in my house — it wasn't cool or dangerous, it was just simply there. Consequently, I had no interest in it. After all, what's the point of teenage rebellion if the person you're trying to revolt against is munching on "special" cookies in your living room?

I've never judged him for smoking it and I certainly don't now. Watching him self-medicate his way through this disease has changed the way I think about drugs and pain. In fact, it's changed my outlook on a lot of things in my life.

It makes me want to take the stairs every day, knowing that perhaps one day I won't be able to. It inspires me to run outside even when I'm feeling lazy — not because I should, but because I can.

Weird news

Rest in Presley peace

For the right price, you or a loved one can rest in peace in the tomb of the King.

Celebrity auctioneer Darren Julien is selling Elvis Presley's original crypt to the highest bidder as part of his Music Icons auction later this month.

The tomb is located inside the granite and marble mausoleum at the Forest Hill Cemetery in Memphis, Tenn.

Presley was interred there alongside his mother, Gladys, after he died Aug. 16, 1977. Two months later, they were re-buried at his Graceland home. The original crypt has remained empty ever since.

Elvis Presley's crypt.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Julien says the winning bid from the auction beginning June 23 will receive the crypt, the opening and closing of the vault for burial, a memorialization inscription, and use of a chapel for a committal service. Transportation and funeral-home charges are not included.

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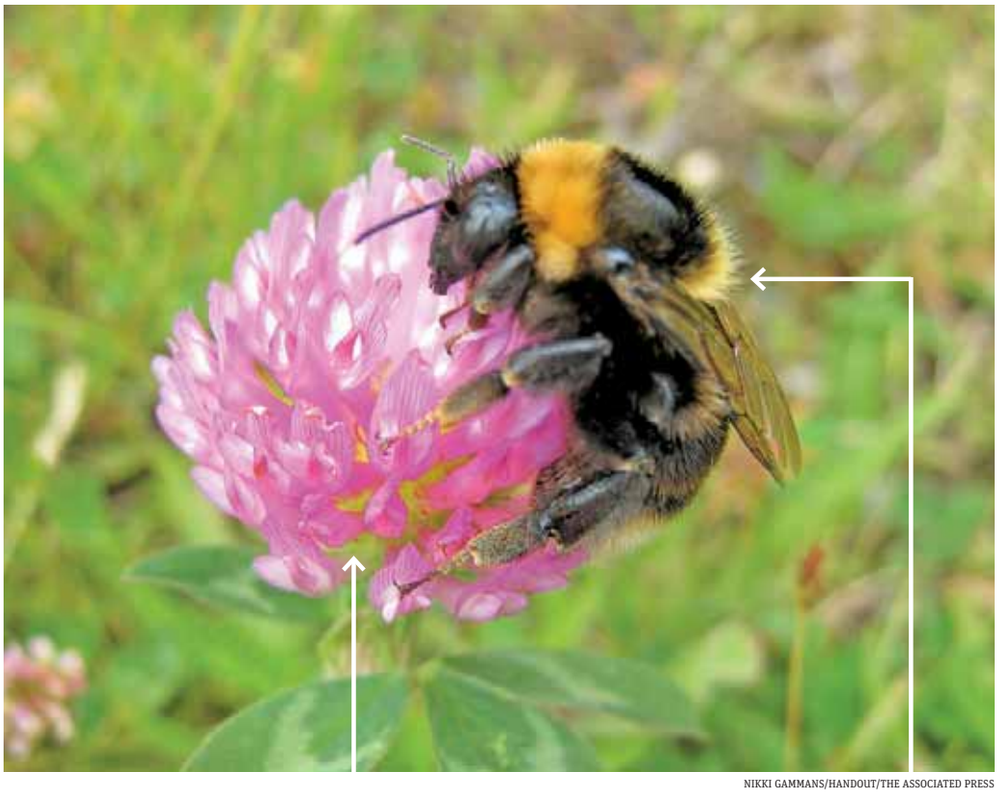
Bees do it best in clover



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Homecoming buzz

The bees are back in Britain

They've been away, but now they are — hopefully — buzzing back to their rightful place in the bucolic British countryside.

Around 50 short-haired bees were released into an English nature reserve Monday, some two decades after they were wiped out from most of rural Britain.

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Wild-flower welcome

"Our farmland always used to have wild-flower borders. We are just asking farmers to go back to the way things were and the response has been overwhelmingly positive."

Nikki Gammans, ecologist and project leader

Betting the farm

- Ecologists hope that with the support of farmers who have agreed to grow flowers and plants that help bees flourish, the bugs will zip across the country again.
- The population of short-haired bees — scientific name Bombus subterraneus — has declined dramatically across most of Europe the last two decades as its habitat was destroyed.

Born to be the Bombus

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Bombus subterraneus were declared extinct in Britain 12 years ago. But the short-haired bees survived in Skane, Sweden, and three years ago, Natural England, a U.K. government-backed conservation project, launched a program to bring them back into the wild. The bees that made it through the screening process were released into the wild Monday in a nature reserve in Dungeness, Kent, in southeast England, filled with wild flowers like red clover, white dead nettle, yellow flag and tufted vetches.

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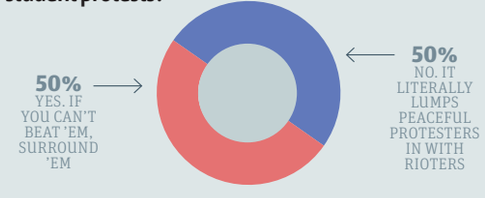
Should police be allowed to kettle protesters, a tactic used during the G20 and recent Montreal student protests?



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Walking through every sprinkler I encounter on my way home!

@reneeswilliams
Just came back from an attempt to run and am melting — it was definitely more of a power walk. #Timeforanicebath

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Scene in brief

De Niro given honorary degree

As he received an honourary doctorate Sunday, Oscar-winning actor Robert De Niro told Bates College graduates that despite his own lack of formal education, he made out OK. During a 15-minute address that was by turns sincere and irreverent, De Niro drew a steady stream of laughter from the 463 graduating seniors and more than 5,000 onlookers at the private, liberal arts college's campus.De Niro quit high school to pursue an acting career. "In many ways, leaving school when I did it was an advantage. I saved nearly $6,000 by not having to pay tuition and expenses for four years of education," he said.

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On the web

Michael Haneke's Amour wins Cannes Film Festival Palme d'Or

Kristen Stewart plays Snow White in Snow White and the Huntsman, opening Friday. HANDOUT

Rookie director steps into the land of fairy tales

Snow White. First-time director Rupert Sanders talks about being handed the keys to Universal's $175 million project

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

In researching his visually distinctive debut film, Snow White and the Huntsman, British director Rupert Sanders avoided one animated classic in particular.

"I actually haven't seen the Walt Disney (Snow White) for ages because I didn't want to be tarnished by it," he says.

"I looked at other filmmakers, like Roman Polanski's Macbeth. I watched Kingdom of Heaven. I think I set out trying not to make a big commercial fairy tale movie, but I wanted to make a big, Lawrence of Arabia kind of medieval tale, and that's really what I think the film is."

But certainly Universal Pictures — which is betting a lot giving a first-time director the keys to a $175 million fantasy film — is hoping for at least in part a big commercial fairy-tale movie.

"Universal have been an incredible partner to work with," Sanders insists.

"First of all, they wrote a massive cheque for a novice to take a lot of their money and go over to Europe untouched and make a film. They've been very trusting."

Quoted

"It's the best fairy tale, really. I don't really like them when they get too princess-y. I don't love balls and sleeping beauties and things like that."

Director Rupert Sanders on the enduring quality of the Snow White tale

Of course, part of that trust can be attributed to the Snow White in the title, since the source material continues to be hugely popular.

So what is it about that fairy tale that keeps drawing audiences — and studio executives — back?

"It's the best fairy tale, really. I don't really like them when they get too princess-y. I don't love balls and sleeping beauties and things like that," Sanders says.

"It's one of those stories that is about the human condition. It's about so many of those emotions that we go through — jealousy, the way we look," Sanders says.

"I think in a way it's more relevant today than it was. Everything is so image-obsessed… I hope it has the same lesson in life to our young people. It teaches you a lot about how to cope with the human condition, how to cope with death, basically."

So what's next for Sanders?

"I am done with fairy tales," Sanders says with a weary laugh.

So what will he do for a second feature film? "I'd love to make something contemporary or sci-fi, which is my favourite genre. You can make a film that's sociopolitical without it being a rant. You can put a bigger magnifying glass on our world now if you put the story 100 years in the future."

Of course, if Snow White and the Huntsman is a hit, he might not be as done with fairy tales as he suggests. "Who knows. I think it will be hard for me not to go back into the Snow White world if that world appeared again," Sanders admits.

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DVD reviews

Goon

Director. Michael Dowse

Stars. Seann William Scott, Jay Baruchel, Alison Pill

In the very violent, very funny and exceedingly profane Goon, Canadian-born director Michael Dowse (the man behind the Fubar films) tells the story of a genial knucklehead named Doug Glatt who's a bar bouncer in a small Massachusetts town. When Doug unleashes the fury of his fists in aid of his mouthy best friend (Jay Baruchel, who also shares co-writing credits with Evan Goldberg), he's spotted by the coach of the very minor-league local team (Nicholas Campbell). The wily coach coaxes Doug to play for his brother's hockey team, the Halifax Highlanders, who are sorely in need of a miracle. Doug's only task is to beat up anyone who stands in the way of the Highlanders' top scorer, who has recently lost his mojo. Sweet-hearted Doug, well played by Scott, is proud to both draw and spill red on behalf of his team. Goon looks set to skate alongside Slap Shot as another movie that really gets the spirit of hockey's animal attraction.

PETER HOWELL

We Need to Talk About Kevin

Director. Lynne Ramsay

Stars. Tilda Swinton, John C. Reilly, Ezra Miller

Adapting Lionel Shriver's best-selling 2003 novel, director Lynne Ramsay examines the school shootings phenomenon from the point of view of parents left emotionally and physically brutalized by the aftermath. Travel writer Eva Khatchadourian (Tilda Swinton, spectacular) and her photographer husband Franklin (John C. Reilly, skating) thought they'd left all their cares behind when they moved from New York City to a big house in the suburbs. They wanted a place to raise their son, Kevin. Kevin, though fine with his father, has a toxic relationship with his mother. We Need to Talk About Kevin offers few deep insights into a violent phenomenon for which, in truth, there may be no satisfactory answers.

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Sexy and he knows it

Cover boy. Meet the high school senior with the vocal stylings of a man

MICHELLE CASTILLO
Metro World News

Noah Guthrie HANDOUT

Seven million views and counting. Noah Guthrie's cover of LMFAO's Sexy and I Know It went viral because, instead of the usual poppy club hit, the version was a blues-tinged, acoustic ditty that showed off his very smooth vocals. A free downloadable version of the song is available at noisetrade.com/only1noah. We talked to Guthrie about his career and covers.

How old were you when you started playing guitar and singing?
I started to play guitar when I was 14 or 15. I've been singing my whole life in front of people since I was 13.

Why did you decide to start putting videos on YouTube?
I wanted to get my name out. I'm mainly an original songwriter, but I do covers mainly to get my name out.

How do you choose your covers?
I usually choose something that is a little current, something popping on the charts. But, sometimes I'll do a song because I like it.

Why did you decide to cover Sexy and I Know It?
It was a joke to myself and to the people that were subscribed to me on YouTube. I wanted people to get a kick out of it, but they got more kicks out of it than I thought they would.

How did you come up with that interesting take of the song?
I was just playing that groove. I don't know how I started singing the lyrics.

I think I sang the "wiggle wiggle" part and that was it.

What was it like being on the Today Show?
I've watched that show since I was young. I love it. I lost my mind. I love Matt Lauer! I love Ann Curry!

What does your family say about your music career?
I've never been told to look for something else because this isn't a career. I've never been told that by my family. And, my manager has become a part of my family. It's great to have a family that supports you.

What did they think about the success of your cover of Sexy and I Know It?
We thought it was funny that it was this one, the one I didn't take seriously.

What are you up to next?
I have graduation on the 31st of this month. I go to an online school called K-12 South Carolina Virtual Charter School, and I'm about to graduate high school. I'm working on a new cover song that I don't want to talk about yet. And, I'll be opening up for Eddie Money and playing a big seminar, convention thing for some labels in New York.

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The Intouchables.
Omar Sy is poised for a North American invasion

French actor Omar Sy is hoping his recent hot streak continues. His latest film, The Intouchables, is already a hit across Europe, in Japan and in its native France, where it has become the second most successful French film of all time and earned Sy a César Award for best actor — beating out the Artist star Jean Dujardin. Now, Sy is hoping to find similar success in North America (it opens here on Friday) — even with an American remake already on the way.

How did you come to be involved with the project?
I had already done three films with the directors, Olivier Nakache and Éric Toledano. As the films went on, the roles that I would play were more and more important, and at the end of the third film they said, "We want to write something for you as the main character," and they showed me the documentary on the real story and said, "If you're in we do it, and if you're not then we don't move forward." And I did.

Did you get to meet the real-life counterparts, Abdel and Philippe, prior to making the film?
Yes and no. I met with Philippe — I went with [co-star] Francois [Cluzet] and the directors to Morocco, where he lives. We talked a lot about his condition and the special treatments he requires. We stayed three days to meet with him. And we also talked a lot about his relationship, of course, with Abdel. What I really remembered was the special bond that they had together. That's really what I took out of that meeting. Abdel I met after the film, the night before the premiere of the movie in Paris. I actually liked not having met Abdel beforehand because already there was a huge pressure that this was based on a real story, and I wanted to bring a lot of myself to the character. That's why I enjoyed meeting him afterward instead of beforehand. Otherwise the pressure would've been even more.

How do you find the balance between creating your own character and telling someone else's story?
I don't have a formal actor's training, so I went a lot with instinct and what felt right. I would be like a horse galloping, and the directors would be handling the reins and reining me back in. So that's how I found the balance.

The movie opens with you behind the wheel of quite nice Maserati Quattroporte. Did you get to do any of the driving yourself?
Of course. That was a condition for making the film — otherwise I wouldn't have done it. (laughs)

The success in France has been fantastic. How do you feel about heading into North America with it?
Because of its huge success not only in France but in countries like Italy, Germany — you know, all over Europe — we're really hoping that in the States it will also have some impact and have some success, because now we've gotten used to all that success and attention. So we're really hoping it will work here.

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Pattinson gets serious in Cronenberg flick

Cosmopolis. Actor almost threw up on first few days working with director

JÉRÔME VERMELIN
Metro World News in Cannes

Twilight's Edward Cullen in a David Cronenberg film — who? What? How? We asked the star himself. In Cosmopolis, Robert Pattinson plays a billionaire riding around a limo in NYC, on an odyssey that includes guns, sex and anal probes.

Robert Pattinson stars in Cosmopolis. GETTY IMAGES

Twilight and David Cronenberg. The two are worlds apart. Is Cosmopolis the start of a new career for you?
Just being here, representing the film, is amazing. For a young actor like myself, for people that love films, Cannes is the ultimate festival. As for my career, it's definitely the start of something new.

Your career began in England, but took off in Hollywood. Do you think all young actors dream of Cannes?
Maybe not... until the day their film is selected! In the U.S., Cannes gets very little coverage.

It's more of an industry event. In London on the other hand, it's huge. The weird thing is the amount of people that applaud the film at the end of the screening.

I went to see On The Road and I was really stunned. In the U.S., people walk out the moment the closing credits appear.

Cronenberg didn't make you rehearse. He says he wanted to see where the film was headed as it was being shot. Didn't that scare you?
I understand why he did that. It's a very complex scenario that could have been interpreted in many different ways.

David didn't say much about what he wanted me to do. The first few days, I was terrified. We were doing camera tests and I was sat in the limousine with nothing to do… and I nearly threw up! My heart was racing. I was scared David would fire me, that he would think I was an imposter. But he was very relaxed.

His team told me how the first couple of weeks, he never really knows what he's doing, but not to worry about it. He just needs time to get the feel of things. Once we got going, the pace got faster and faster. By the end we were only doing one take per scene. It was crazy.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Beyoncé is human? Hard to believe

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Radiant new mama Beyoncé was back on the stage for a four-night engagement at Atlantic City's Revel casino over the holiday weekend, and she didn't forget to pack her signature assortment of sparkly two-piece bodysuits and sky-high heels.

But the singer admits it wasn't easy to get in beach shape by Memorial Day weekend.

"Y'all have no idea how hard I worked," she told her audience — which included Michelle, Sasha and Malia Obama — during her Saturday evening performance.

"I had to lose 60 pounds. They had me on that treadmill. I ate lettuce! Now tonight I'm going to get chocolate wasted."

Now, we always thought the rumours that Beyoncé hired a surrogate and faked her pregnancy were crazy (unless it was a particularly slow gossip day). But can you imagine this lady at a gym or eating anything as lowly as lettuce? If she is, in fact, human, we're having a hard time believing Beyoncé had a baby in January.

Justin Bieber MATT SAYLES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bad Bieber: Did the star lay a smackdown?

Justin Bieber may have finally had enough of photographers.

The singer is a suspect in a criminal battery case after getting into a "physical altercation" with a paparazzo in Los Angeles on Sunday afternoon, according to the police report.

The "victim complained of pain and requested medical attention" and was released shortly after being taken to the hospital.

We're curious: Is there enough money in Bieber's bank account for you to admit that his baby-soft hands were capable of inflicting pain?

Queen of the unexplained exit?

Britney Spears' X Factor tenure is off to a rough start. After allegedly storming off the set after a contestant's rendition of one of her hits the first day of filming — a claim she denied on Twitter — Spears reportedly made another sudden exit on her second day, according to Us Weekly. "After a very popular contestant finished, Brit stood up and immediately walked towards the tunnel where judges enter," a source says.

"Her bodyguards (and entourage) jumped up and ran after her. She was moving fast. It was odd." While the reason for her departure was unclear, the source says Spears returned after a short while and resumed her work as though nothing had happened.

Twitter

@justinbieber
am i about to be doing free shows around the world to surprise fans?? hmmm.

@ActuallyNPH
In the Just So You Know Department: incessantly tweeting me to respond to you will almost assuredly achieve the opposite result.

@Joan_Rivers
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Imagine a world where you ate right, exercised and had great sex. Unfortunately, the smug and happy are in the minority. Most of us are stressed out, sexually frustrated and regulars at KFC. According to Dr. Oz, getting healthy isn't about living longer, it's about living and looking better today.

DR. OZ'S SEVEN DAYS, SEVEN WAYS TO A BRIGHTER YOU

When was the last time you went for a health check up? A month? A year? America's top doctor Dr. Oz, talks to Metro about the basic steps to feeling and looking great.

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1 What's up Doc?

A staggering third of Americans skip their yearly health check-up. But thinking ignorance is bliss could really mess you up.

Being "too busy" is the most common excuse for failing to go to the doctors says Dr. Oz, but the truth is people don't want to be inconvenienced with bad news.

"Who wants to hear they have cancer? What people don't get is that a doctor is there to guide you to better health, not make you feel bad or embarrassed. They help you understand your health so you can prevent problems in the future."

2 Watch your waist

Everyone should know their weight and BMI (Body Mass Index). Although weight can vary, BMI should always be below 25. Anything above 30 or below 18.5 means you risk developing type 2 diabetes or heart disease.

According to Dr. Oz the most important thing to monitor is waist size: "Waist size predicts the amount of fat inside the intestines: it should be no more than half your height. It's the most dangerous type of fat for your body. Stored in excess, it can put pressure on the kidneys, which can then raise your blood pressure and can also poison the liver, leading to higher cholesterol levels and diabetes."

3 The pressure of peer pressure

Studies have shown that people who lost weight by engaging in group activities were more successful at keeping it off in the long term.

"The moment you go public about your proclamation of health, you're holding yourself accountable," explains Dr. Oz. "Friends won't sabotage your efforts, but on the contrary be inspired by your achievements."

Another thing to watch out for is habits.

"Habits are the 'norm' but whether they're good or bad it is down to you. If your friends eat pizza and drink beer every night, you'll associate this with 'normal' behavior. But if all your friends pick the treadmill over the cheesy crust — will that pizza still taste so good?" asks Dr. Oz. You decide.

4 Get more zzz ...

Sleep is the most important thing we need and the single thing we lack the most: "Seven and a half hours a night is an ideal amount. If you've trouble sleeping it could be a sign something is holding you back either physically or psychologically," says Dr Oz. "If all else fails, try and ease your body into rest. Fifty per cent of people sleep better in colder temperatures, wearing loose clothes or no clothes and having dimmed the lights 30 minutes before going to bed. Heat and tight clothes prevent motion and make you feel uncomfortable."

But what about binge sleep? "Binge sleeping is fine as long as it's done within the week during which you lacked sleep. Done outside of that, it risks throwing off your body clock and your body will think its been to a different time zone," explains Dr Oz.

5 Exercise: all it takes is 7 easy minutes

Emotionally satisfied people have one thing in common: they all set aside a few minutes a day of "me time," mostly in the morning.

Dr. Oz advises you to spend seven minutes every morning doing a combination of yoga, push ups and sit ups.

"Morning is the one time of day when you are still in control of your destiny. Seven minutes of light exercise is enough to reduce stress levels and make you feel as if you are in control of your life."

Why seven minutes? Don't we have to sweat it out for at least 20?

"We all have seven minutes to spare in the morning. It's also enough time to increase heart rate. If you want to exercise more, you don't have to run a marathon but something as simple as a brisk walk for 30-60 minutes, five times a week can lower your risk of heart disease by about 40 per cent."

6 Assess your stress

Stress alone could be the reason why you can't lose weight. It affects the neuroendocrine system that increases the amount of fat stored around the abdomen. It's also indirectly linked to the consumption of too many fatty or sugary foods, as well as inactivity.

"Some of us are comfortable being uncomfortable. Instead of running away from stress we need to embrace the discomfort. The only solution to getting over it is to come up with better coping strategies that force you to manage your stress such as assertiveness training, or even better — exercise."

7 Mind your genes

You may be healthy, but your genes may say otherwise. Family history is critical in diagnosing and preventing illnesses. A blood relative under 65 years of age is a good reference point. Once you know your weaknesses, Dr. Oz recommends you customize your lifestyle around them. "If your father died of lung cancer at the age of 60 because he smoked, take this as a sign that your genes don't protect you against smoking."

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Skin care

Live Clean introduces Fresh Face

Live Clean, the Canadian brand known for its eco-friendly, plant-based personal care products, introduces Live Clean (Fresh Face), an eight-product collection of eco-friendly skin care products for your face. With five years and more than 60 products since its founding, Live Clean introduces skin care to its exceptional collection of products for hair and body. "We've been thinking about skin care for a long time now and Live Clean (Fresh Face) has been two years in active development," says Executive Vice President Michelle Sparrock. "But just as we did with our baby care collection, we proceeded with caution; wanting to be sure we got it absolutely right." The eight-product Fresh Face collection – including foaming daily cleanser, deep cleansing clay masque, smoothing facial scrub, and refreshing facial toner among others – offers the right product for every skin care need.All Live Clean (Fresh Face) products are made without many commonly used chemicals such as Sodium Lauryl Sulfate (SLS), a common harsh irritant petrochemical surfactant used in most shampoos and skin care products, as well as Diethanolamine. For more information, check out live-clean.com.

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On the Web

When packing a portable feast ensure picnic food is safe by keeping it cold

Thoughts on...

Mistakes

It is easy to be negative about past mistakes, but it's our past that helps us advance to higher levels of living and loving. They are the building blocks that help us shape our lives. Some of us have emerged from these mistakes with strong insights about who we are and what we want. Our mistakes? Necessary. Our frustrations, failures and detours? Also necessary. Each step of the way, we learned. We went through exactly the experiences we needed to become who we are today. So is our past a mistake? No. The only mistake would be is to believe otherwise.

NATASHA DERN IS THE HOST OF THE BUDDHA LOUNGE

Green space equals a longer life: Study

Lifestyle. People who live near parks live longer

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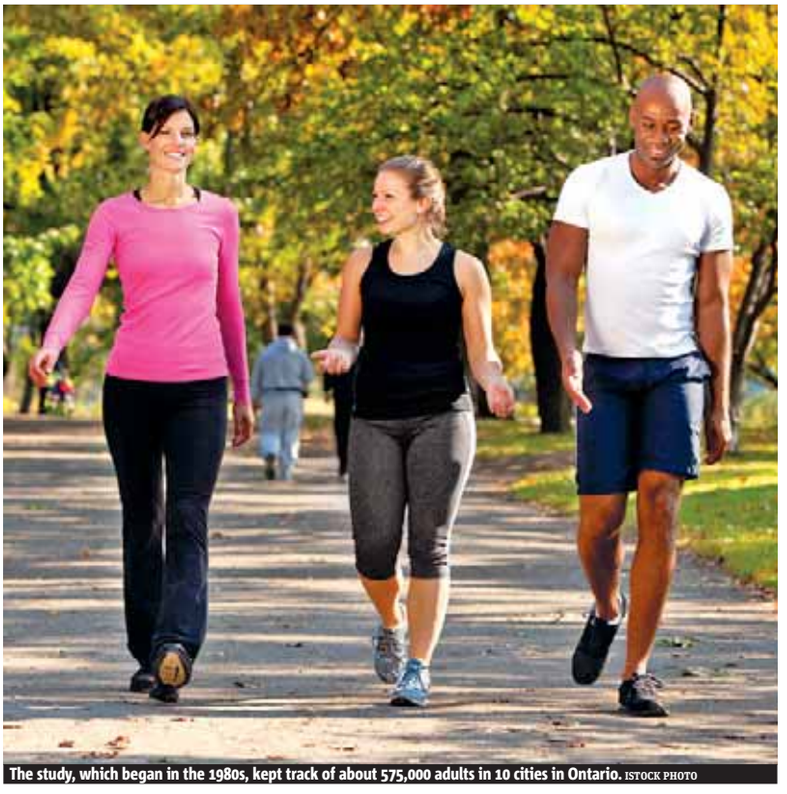

The study, which began in the 1980s, kept track of about 575,000 adults in 10 cities in Ontario. ISTOCK PHOTO

That is the finding of a large Canadian study that took place over a 22-year span. "Residential levels of green space were associated with lower death rates, especially for deaths from respiratory diseases," says Dr. Paul Villeneuve, a senior research scientist of population studies at Health Canada.

The study took place in 10 cities in Ontario: Hamilton, Kingston, London, Ottawa, Sarnia, St. Catharine's, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Toronto and Windsor. It began in the 1980s and kept track of about 575,000 adults in those urban areas until the end of 2004, by which time 187,000 of the original participants had died.

The population in the study was randomly chosen from income tax filings. Postal code information was used to follow where people lived, even if they moved over time, and the amount of green space near them was measured by satellite. People in the study were assigned a "vegetation index" according to their postal code.

The study found that people living within a 10-minute walk from green space had lower mortality during the 22 years. This effect occurred regardless of whether air pollution levels were high or low in their area.

Quoted

"Residential levels of green space were associated with lower death rates" Dr. Paul Villeneuve, research scientist

These results boost previous research on the health benefits of living near green space: earlier work found that being close to trees, plants and grass reduces stress and headaches, and improves thinking skills.

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A No-Nut "Peanut Butter"?

Yes, you read that right. In each issue of Best Health magazine, we show you interesting products you might not have seen, and this month we found something on grocery store shelves that's great news for anyone with a peanut allergy: No Nuts Golden Peabutter. It's a spread made of brown peas, and before you think that it sounds gross, I can say that it's actually good, and similar in taste and texture to real peanut butter. (Of course, some people with peanut allergies would be turned off by something that resembles peanut butter). Besides peas, the ingredients include canola oil, sugar and palm oil. One tablespoon is equal in protein, fat and calories to peanut butter.

What also makes this product great is that it's Canadian. Pea farmer Joe St. Denis of Legal, Alta, was travelling in Egypt when he discovered a love for hummus. Back home, he experimented, making it with different varieties of peas. But he found it tasted more like peanut butter than it did hummus. An owner of Mountain Meadows Food Processing, which sells No Nuts across Canada at grocery chains such as Sobeys and Metro, says "Brown peas taste mild, unlike green or yellow peas. And we don't add flavouring." For more interesting new products and information on healthy living, check out Best Health, on newsstands now.

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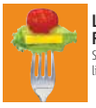
Stack lacks depth despite all of its towering lunch options

Brisket Sandwich ($10) and All Day Breakfast Burger ($12). STEPHANIE DICKISON



LUNCH RUSH
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Stack, a new burger/sandwich/barbecue restaurant at Yonge and Lawrence, is all about towering foods — piled-high sandwiches, burgers, etc. Even the onion rings come in a heap.

The All Day Breakfast Burger ($12) pushes the height limits — thick patty, two types of bacon (back and regular), cheese, topped with a fried egg — and fails. It's a mess.

The bun falls apart immediately with the soft yolk oozing everywhere. It's too much for the bun to withstand.

The Brisket Sandwich ($10) isn't crazy high, but there's a considerable amount of thickly-sliced meat. Rubbed with a "house-made Memphis-rub", it's shockingly bland.

The vinegar sauce should have helped, but there's little of it, and where are the supposed crispy onions (there are only three small slices) and buttermilk dill?

The Fries ($3), however, are superb (skin on, heavily salted).

"Super-sizing" may be all the rage, but flavour and execution should remain paramount.

Visiting the restaurant

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Are you dreaming of becoming the president of a company? Or is it your goal to purchase a small business and finally become your own boss? Jim Maizis pursued this goal when he left his full-time job to buy Chatten's Better Hearing Service, a small hearing-aid provider in Oshawa, Ont.

New to the business, Maizis needed a company veteran to help him with the transition. Dawn Loyst was the perfect fit.

She had worked for the former owners of Chatten's for nearly nine years and she knew the ins and outs of its business. But she came at a high cost to Maizis.

Loyst wanted a five year guaranteed job with a 15 per cent ownership stake at the end of those five years. Maizis agreed and a short letter was signed confirming the deal.

This letter had the same effect as an employment contract, although employment contracts usually provide the employer with the explicit right to end the contract with some form of notice. However, Loyst's agreement was silent on this point, which meant Maizis could only fire her by paying her until the end of the five-year term.

Although their "relawtionship" started out well, Loyst and Maizis grew increasingly uncomfortable with each other over time.

Matters boiled over during a telephone call when Maizis accused Loyst of hanging up on him and Loyst later declared that she "had a problem" with Maizis. This was the final straw for Maizis and the next day he gave her a reduced role and compensation.

When Loyst protested, he told her to pack up and leave.

Believing that she was terminated, Loyst sued not only for the remaining 29 months of pay under the contract but for the value of 15 per cent of the company.

Maizis tried to wiggle out from the agreement by claiming first that Loyst had resigned and later that there was cause to fire her because of misconduct.

Neither argument was successful and Loyst was awarded more than $250,000.

Loyst achieved success by following the most important rule in workplace law: get key agreements in writing.

Had her five-year guarantee and 15 per cent stake in the company been based solely on a handshake, the outcome would likely have differed.

I'll need that in writing

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Champagne should always be served cold. ISTOCK

Champagne etiquette

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Hello Mr. Butler,
I am going to be hosting an event for my parents' 50th wedding anniversary at my home and I'm in need of some champagne etiquette. What's the right temperature, what kind of glasses should I get, how much do I fill a glass and how do I make a toast?
Thanks!
Nervous Daughter

Dear Nervous Daughter,

What an exciting event! Good champagne should be served cold, so keeping it in the fridge for a few days then on ice at the bar when it is being served is important.

When opening the champagne never point it at anyone and hold the "cage" and the cork tight with a napkin while slowly turning the bottle. You will feel the pressure build up and the cork will pop out easily.

When serving, you can use either a champagne flute or saucer, though the "fashion" of today is flutes.

When you pour champagne, it foams up (just like pop) so pour slowly and just a small amount in every glass — this is called "priming" the glass. Then return and fill the flute with additional champagne. Don't fill the glass more than three-quarters full.

When you toast your parents, you technically don't let the glasses touch each other, however many people unfortunately do "clink" glasses.

Keep your speech short, to the point and annunciate clearly, ask everyone to raise their glass and say something like "to our parents" and then have a sip and voila — your toast is done!

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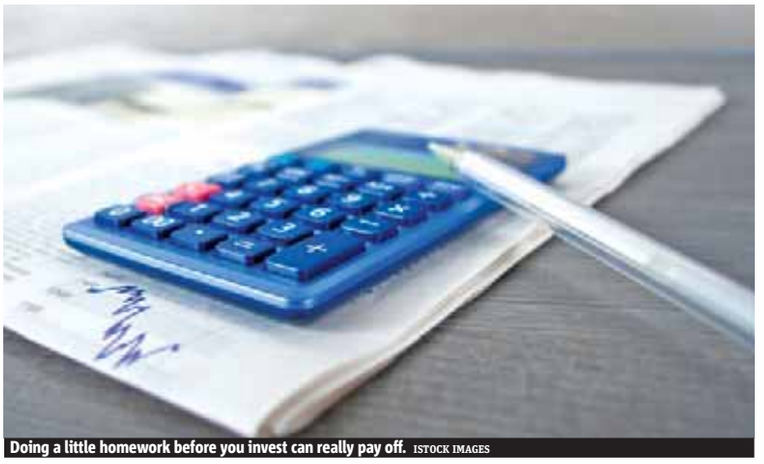

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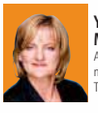

YOUR MONEY
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Last week I offered my two cents worth of advice to a woman wondering what to do with a divorce settlement of $20,000. I encouraged her to take time deciding whether to pay down debt, save, spend or invest.

Now I have some suggestions about the latter. Investing a lump sum can be tricky. For instance, an investment made in September 2007 on the eve of the financial crash may still be in the negative.

Divide any windfall into pieces and invest gradually to spread your risk over time. It's far better to miss out on some gains than fall into an abyss.

My choice for most investors is Exchanged Traded Funds or ETFs with very low fees. Most are lower than .50 annually compared to the average Canadian mutual fund fees of 2.25 to 2.5 per cent annually.

These products simply mimic an index like Canada's S&P/TSX Composite. There are also bond ETFs. (ETFs trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange just like shares of a company and you will pay a trading fee to buy units.)

Three ETFs are all you need, one for Canada, one for the U.S. and one for bonds. Here's a small selection among the dozens available. Don't stress, just pick one for each area and you'll have a nice, well-rounded portfolio. The ticker symbol and management fee are in brackets.

Canada

- Horizons BetaPro S&P/TSX 60 Index (HXT, .07%)

- Vanguard MSCI Canada Index (VCE, .09%)

- iShares S&P/TSX Composite Index (XIC, .25%)

US

-Vanguard US Broad Market Index (VUS, .15%)

-BMO Dow Jones Index (ZDJ, .23%)

-iShares S&P US Dividend Growers (CUD, .60%)

Bonds

- iShares DEX Short Term Bond Index (XSB, .25%)

- PowerShares 1-5 Year Laddered Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index (PSB, .25%)

- BMO Aggregate Bond Index (ZAG, .28%)

If, for example, you wanted one-third of the $20,000 in bonds, make that entire investment now as the short term bonds will roll over automatically and take advantage of higher rates in the future.

Divide the remaining $13,000 plus into four to six pieces and invest gradually in the chosen Canadian and US ETFs over the next six months to a year.

There will be a trading fee for each transaction but you only pay it once until you sell, and the additional cost balances the risk.

Alison's money rule

"Investing over time reduces your risk and increases your return."

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Are you 'young' at money?

Millennials — game your way to financial literacy

FUN AND FRUGAL
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I read an interesting article over tea last week in TheWeek.com that described characteristics of the millennial generation; those born in the 1980s and 1990s (of which I am one). Besides claiming that our generation is narcissistic, the piece outlines the fact that most are broke, indebted and stressed-out spendthrifts.

But, working in our favour is the fact that millennials are technologically savvy and want to engage in entrepreneurial and other money-making ideas.

So, here's my big idea for the millennials — game your way to financial literacy. Not only will you sharpen your money IQ, but you'll learn how to connect your big ideas with building your net worth. That in turn will reduce stress.

I've been very impressed with a new financial literacy gaming app called the Cranial Cash Clash which was created through the Investor Education Fund.

The Cranial Cash Clash is a free innovative online and mobile game that is available through Apple, Android or online at GetSmarterAboutMoney.ca. The purpose of the game is to help Canadians assess how much they really need to learn about money and which aspects of money management they should focus on improving.

The game leads you through fun and educational thought-provoking multiple choice questions that test your knowledge on a wide range of financial topics like spending, saving, investing, debt, financial fraud, financial planning, RRSPs and retirement planning.

The subjects are categorized as Debt Drama, Quest to Invest, Scam Exam, Saving for School, Investment Shopping, Concise Advice, Unsure? Insure! and Ready, Set, Retire. Once you're through the questions, there are resources you can browse through to enhance your learning.

Players compete to score cranial points; ideally motivating Canadians to raise their scores and their understanding of financial literacy. For the socially networked millennials, you can post your results on Facebook, Twitter or email them to friends. For parents and teachers, this is a great way to engage in 'money 101' conversations with your children.

No matter your age or financial acumen, you'll learn a lot through the Cranial Cash Clash and it's loads of fun. Gaming your way to financial literacy can actually pay off!

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SPORTS

Soccer

"Stay at home, watch it on TV. Don't even risk it ... because you could end up coming back in a coffin."

Former England defender Sol Campbell, warning fans in a BBC interview against travelling to Poland and Ukraine to watch the European Championship, claiming authorities are failing to tackle entrenched racism and violence in the countries.

NBA playoffs

Bosh's return still up in air

Chris Bosh is taking steps toward returning to the Miami lineup, though it remains unclear when the Heat will actually see their star forward in uniform again. Bosh, who has been sidelined since straining an abdominal muscle in Game 1 of Miami's second-round series against Indiana, did what the Heat called a "very light" on-court workout Sunday. Coach Erik Spoelstra said there's no target date for his return. The Heat took on the Boston Celtics in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference final on Monday night. Go to metronews.ca/sports for more coverage.

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On the web

Montreal Canadiens GM Marc Bergevin continued to round out his front office with the hiring of Scott Mellanby as director of player personnel on Monday. Scan the code for the story.

Brown leads way on Kings' journey to promised land

Kings captain Dustin Brown reacts after his controversial hit on Phoenix's Michal Rozsival in overtime of Game 5 of the Western Conference final last week. JEFF GROSS/GETTY IMAGES

NHL. Regular-season trade rumours propelled L.A. captain to take his game to another level

If Dustin Brown stands up in the Los Angeles locker-room before the Stanley Cup final opener Wednesday night and delivers a stirring, emotional speech, his teammates won't know how to react.

"Well, he's not a rah-rah guy," veteran Kings defenceman Matt Greene said. "We don't have too many of those guys in the room. But he knows how to lead, and he does it by example."

Brown prefers showing to telling, whether it's with a timely goal or a bruising hit. The Los Angeles captain's playoff performance has demonstrated something quite clearly to the Kings: Behind his leadership they're capable of winning the franchise's first title.

Brown's hard-hitting, high-scoring play has been the biggest revelation of the post-season for the eighth-seeded Kings, but his quantum leap forward began during the regular season. Brown's run of stellar play started right after he was prominently featured in trade-deadline rumours linking him to Toronto and beyond, forcing the forward to wonder whether he would have to move his young family away from his only NHL team.

"Of course it's concerning to you, but I tried to just concentrate on what I could control," said Brown, the NHL's third-leading post-season scorer. "I just focused on hockey and getting this team to the playoffs, because I felt like we had a team that could do a lot if we got there and started playing together. We felt like we owed it to the fans here to take a shot instead of worrying."

The Kings' long-suffering fans are always near the forefront of Brown's mind when he discusses this playoff run. He realizes Los Angeles has enjoyed only one previous run to the final in 45 years, and he learned all about the Kings' paltry playoff success when he logged 431 regular-season games with the franchise before reaching his first post-season two years ago.

"This is the most successful we've been, but it's not where we want to end up," Brown said.

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Jays light up O's in return to Rogers Centre

Kelly Johnson and Edwin Encarnacion each hit two-run homers and Drew Hutchison pitched seven strong innings as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Baltimore Orioles 6-2 on Monday.

Hutchison (4-2) held the Orioles to three hits, three walks and no runs while striking out a career-high nine batters in his 114-pitch outing to give the Blue Jays' overworked bullpen a break.

Closer Casey Janssen came into the game in the ninth to pick up his fourth save as Toronto snapped a five-game losing streak.

Monday's game

Blue Jays	Orioles
6	2

Johnson also had two doubles and three RBIs on the game. The Blue Jays (25-24) were looking for a strong start after a 1-5 trip that featured short outings by their starters and two extra-inning games, stretching the bullpen.

Toronto had to call on its Triple-A club in Las Vegas for fresh arms during the weekend three-game sweep at the hands of the Texas Rangers.

The Blue Jays were outscored 34-16 in the series against Texas that featured a start of two-thirds of an inning by Brandon Morrow in a 14-3 loss on Friday and a three-inning start by Kyle Drabek in a 12-6 loss on Sunday.

The Orioles (29-20), the surprise team in the American League East this season, lost their third game in a row.

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Jays third baseman Brett Lawrie greets Edwin Encarnacion and Jose Bautista after Encarnacion's home run on Monday night at Rogers Centre. ABELIMAGES/GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Manny might join Athletics later this week

Oakland Athletics manager Bob Melvin says there is a "50-50" chance suspended slugger Manny Ramirez will join the team when his 50-game drug ban expires Wednesday.

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Tennis

Raonic through to Round 2 in Paris

Canadian Milos Raonic has already improved on last year's performance at the French Open.

The Thornhill native powered past Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo of Spain 6-4, 6-2, 6-2, on Monday to reach the second round of the tournament. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Milos Raonic GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Miami's Oviedo banned for fraud

Miami Marlins pitcher Juan Carlos Oviedo has been suspended for eight weeks by MLB for age and identity fraud. Oviedo was caught playing under a fake name and spent the off-season in the Dominican Republic clearing up his immigration status. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Memorial Cup

"I'm not going to take the credit personally.... You need 20 guys to win this tournament and that's what we did."

Shawinigan Cataractes centre Michael Chaput. Chaput was named tournament MVP after the Cataractes beat the London Knights 2-1 in overtime Sunday in the Memorial Cup championship game.

Rookies' future can hinge on special-teams play

CFL. Argos special-teams co-ordinator Mike O'Shea tells tryouts that showing versatility is key to making 42-man roster

Special-teams coach Mike O'shea, left, talks to players at an Argos practice in Mississauga in July 2011. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Argonauts special-teams co-ordinator Mike O'Shea will be among the first coaches that rookies hear from when they report to training camp Wednesday.

Their future with the Double Blue could depend on whether the former CFL all-star linebacker thinks they can help his crew.

"I try to impress upon the guys that what they do on special teams will certainly have an impact on them sticking around," O'Shea said. "The veterans understand that, but the new guys need to learn very, very quickly within a few days that it's an extremely serious and large part of our game, especially in the CFL."

Roughly 40 rookies will be at camp at the University of Toronto's Mississauga campus, with about 30 expected to earn a chance to compete with the veterans when the 75-man main camp opens Sunday.

With a 42-man roster, O'Shea tries to impress upon the players that they must be versatile.

Over the past two seasons, the Argos' special teams have been among the best.

Every player has the ability, but not everybody has the desire, said O'Shea, who captained the Argos defence until his retirement before the 2010 season, winning three Grey Cups in 12 of his 16 season with the team.

"What makes a good special-teams player? People always talk about being fast, tough, intelligent and reckless. But, for me, special teams comes down to one thing and one thing only: Do they care? They have to show me they really want to do it."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NBA. Healthy Bargnani eager to get back to work

Andrea Bargnani is rested and finally healthy, still bitterly disappointed with how the last Raptors season unfolded and under no illusions about what awaits him this summer.

"Work," the seven-foot forward said. "Lots of work. Getting better."

Bargnani remains confounded by a season that could have been his best but instead turned into his worst. He was a like a reborn big man at times, aggressive on defence and as effective as usual on offence before losing more than half of the abbreviated season to a series of left calf injuries.

He has been doing rehab and training, getting back to normal in Toronto, since the season ended ("I've been around the city, I have a few friends here, I really enjoy Toronto," he said) and he's back to 100 per cent.

The enthusiasm in Bargnani's voice is palpable in a short telephone conversation. He talks about almost constant contact with Raptors director of sports science Alex McKechnie to keep his training regimen going and a constant dialogue with head coach Dwane Casey.

There is disappointment when Bargnani talks about last season; it dissipates quickly when the conversation switches to next year.

"I wish we could start tomorrow," he said.

If he can fit it into his schedule the Italian hopes to at least make an appearance at a mini-camp the Raptors will hold for free agents in Las Vegas before the team's July appearance at the summer league. It will be a good leg up on next fall's training camp, the first tine Casey will have a full month before the season to work with the team. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quoted

"I watch the playoffs, it's been a long time and I'm always reminded of what it was like. I'm reminded every day of what a great feeling that is and I want it again." Andrea Bargnani

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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	29	20	.592	—
Tampa Bay	29	20	.592	—
New York	26	21	.553	2
Toronto	**25**	**24**	**.510**	**4**
Boston	24	24	.500	4½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	27	21	.563	—
Chicago	27	22	.551	½
Detroit	23	25	.479	4
Kansas City	19	28	.404	7½
Minnesota	16	32	.333	11

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	30	18	.625	—
Los Angeles	24	25	.490	6½
Oakland	22	27	.449	8½
Seattle	21	29	.420	10

Yesterday's results
Toronto 6 Baltimore 2
Minnesota 5 Oakland 4
Chicago White Sox 2 Tampa Bay 1
Cleveland 8 Kansas City 5
Boston 7 Detroit 4
Seattle at Texas
N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels
Sunday's results
Texas 12 **Toronto 6**
Tampa Bay 4 Boston 3
Chicago White Sox 12 Cleveland 6
L.A. Angels 4 Seattle 2
Kansas City 4 Baltimore 2
Detroit 4 Minnesota 3
N.Y. Yankees 2 Oakland 0
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Kansas City (W.Smith 0-1) at Cleveland (Masterson 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Arrieta 2-5) at **Toronto (R.Romero 5-1),** 7:07 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Humber 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Shields 6-2), 7:10 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 5-2) at Boston (Bard 4-5), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Vargas 5-4) at Texas (Feldman 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (J.Parker 1-2) at Minnesota (De Vries 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 2-1) at L.A. Angels (Haren 2-5), 10:05 p.m.

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
Konerko, ChiW	45	163	31	65	.399
Hamilton, Tex	45	174	37	64	.368
Jeter, NYY	46	198	26	67	.338
AJackson, Det	36	136	29	45	.331
Trumbo, LAA	40	142	17	46	.324
Beltre, Tex	44	170	26	54	.318
Fielder, Det	47	180	27	57	.317
MiCabrera, Det	47	189	25	59	.312
Pierzynski, ChiW	42	154	23	48	.312
AEscobar, KC	45	167	18	52	.311

Runs — Kinsler, Tex, 41; Hamilton, Tex, 37; DeAza, Chi, 36; AdJones, Balt, 34.
RBI — Hamilton, Tex, 53; MiCabrera, Det, 40; **Encarnacion, Tor, 39;** ADunn, Chi, 35; Butler, KC, 34; Beltre, Tex, 33; NCruz, Tex, 33; Konerko, Chi, 33.
Hits — Jeter, NY, 67; Konerko, Chi, 65; Hamilton, Texas, 64; AdJones, Balt, 60.
Home Runs— Hamilton, Tex, 20; **Encarnacion, Toronto, 15;** ADunn, Chi, 15; Granderson, NY, 14; AdJones, Bal, 14; Reddick, Oak, 13;
Bautista, Toronto, 12.
Stolen Bases — BUpton, Tampa Bay, 11.
Yesterday's games not included

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	29	19	.604	—
Miami	27	22	.551	2½
New York	27	22	.551	2½
Atlanta	26	24	.520	4
Philadelphia	26	24	.520	4

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	27	21	.563	—
St. Louis	27	22	.551	½
Pittsburgh	24	24	.500	3
Houston	22	26	.458	5
Milwaukee	19	28	.404	7½
Chicago	16	32	.333	11

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	32	15	.681	—
San Francisco	26	23	.531	7
Arizona	22	27	.449	11
Colorado	18	29	.383	14
San Diego	17	33	.340	16½

Yesterday's results
Philadelphia 8 N.Y. Mets 4
Miami 5 Washington 3
San Francisco 4 Arizona 2
St. Louis 8 Atlanta 2
Pittsburgh 4 Cincinnati 1
Chicago Cubs 11 San Diego 7
Colorado 9- Houston 7- (DH)
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers
Sunday's results
Cincinnati 7 Colorado 5
San Francisco 3 Miami 2
Arizona 4 Milwaukee 3
St. Louis 8 Philadelphia 3
Washington 7 Atlanta 2
Pittsburgh 10 Chicago Cubs 4
N.Y. Mets 2 San Diego 0
L.A. Dodgers 5 Houston 1
Today's games
San Diego (Stults 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 4-3), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bailey 3-3) at Pittsburgh (Morton 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Blanton 4-4) at N.Y. Mets (Hefner 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Westbrook 4-3) at Atlanta (Delgado 2-5), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (E.Jackson 1-2) at Miami (A.Sanchez 2-3), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Fiers 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Eovaldi 0-0), 10:10 p.m.
Arizona (J.Saunders 3-3) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 3-2), 10:15 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
DWright, NYM	44	157	32	60	.382
MeCabrera, SF	48	198	36	73	.369
Ruiz, Pha	44	142	23	52	.366
Lucroy, Mil	43	139	17	48	.345
McCutchen, Pgh	44	161	28	55	.342
Furcal, StL	46	183	33	61	.333
Infante, Mia	41	152	26	50	.329
Prado, Atl	47	181	30	59	.326
YMolina, StL	43	160	23	52	.325
Votto, Cin	47	160	28	52	.325

Runs — CGonzalez, Col, 37; MeCabrera, SF, 36; Bourn, Atl, 33; Furcal, StL, 33; Pence, Philadelphia, 33; Uggla, Atl, 33.
RBI — Beltran, StL, 41; Ethier, LA, 41; CGonzalez, Col, 36; LaRoche, Wash, 35; Braun, Milw, 34; Stanton, Miami, 34; Freese, StL, 33.
Hits — MeCabrera, SF, 73; Bourn, Atl, 64; Furcal, St. Louis, 61; SCastro, Chi, 60; DWright, NY, 60; Prado, Atl, 59; Pagan, SF, 57.
Doubles — Votto, Cin, 21; Alonso, SD, 16; Cuddyer, Col, 16; Prado, Atl, 16; DWright, NY, 16.
Yesterday's games not included

BLUE JAYS 6, ORIOLES 2

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Avery lf	3	0	0	0	KJhnsn 2b	4	2	3	3
NJhnsn ph	1	0	0	0	Rasms cf	4	0	2	1
Hardy ss	3	0	0	0	Bautist rf	4	1	0	0
Markks rf	4	0	0	0	Encrnc dh	4	1	1	2
AdJons cf	4	1	1	0	Thams lf	4	0	1	0
Wieters c	4	1	1	0	Lawrie 3b	4	0	1	0
Betemt 3b	4	0	1	1	Cooper 1b	4	1	2	0
C.Davis 1b	3	0	1	0	Mathis c	4	0	1	0
MrRynl dh	3	0	2	1	Vizquel ss	3	1	1	0
Andino 2b	3	0	1	0					
Totals	**32**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**Totals**		**35**	**6**	**12**	**6**

Baltimore	000	000	002	—2
Toronto	112	200	00x	—6

E—C.Davis (4). DP—Baltimore 1, Toronto 1. LOB—Baltimore 8, Toronto 6. 2B—Mar.Reynolds (8), K.Johnson 2 (5). HR—K.Johnson (9), Encarnacion (16). CS—C.Davis (3). S—Vizquel.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Tom.Hunter L,2-3	3	9	6	5	0	0
Eveland	4	3	0	0	0	2
Gregg	1	0	0	0	0	1
Toronto						
Hutchison W,4-2	7	3	0	0	3	9
L.Perez	1	0	0	0	1	0
Cordero	1-3	4	2	2	0	1
Janssen S,4-5	2-3	0	0	0	0	0

Tom.Hunter pitched to 2 batters in the 4th.
HBP—by Hutchison (C.Davis).
T—2:48. A—16,575 (49,260).

BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Encarnacion	175	26	48	15	38	.274
Lawrie	163	18	44	3	17	.270
Escobar	186	27	48	2	15	.258
Thames	135	16	34	3	11	.252
Johnson	171	29	43	8	23	.251
Arencibia	137	18	33	7	26	.241
Gomes	21	4	5	2	5	.238
Davis	56	17	13	2	8	.232
Bautista	169	29	39	12	31	.231
Rasmus	152	15	33	3	15	.217
Francisco	34	3	7	0	0	.206
Mathis	32	7	6	2	5	.188
Vizquel	22	1	2	0	0	.091
Cooper	1	0	0	0	0	.000

PITCHERS	W	L	SV	IP	SO	ERA
Mathis	0	0	0	1.0	0	0.00
Oliver	0	2	0	15.0	15	1.80
Perez	2	1	0	23.1	25	2.70
Drabek	4	4	0	52.1	41	3.27
Alvarez	3	4	0	60.0	18	3.30
Janssen	1	1	3	16.1	17	3.31
Morrow	5	3	0	62.1	54	3.47
Romero	5	1	0	65.1	49	3.86
Frasor	0	0	0	18.0	22	4.50
Villanueva	0	0	0	21.1	24	4.64
Hutchison	3	2	0	37.2	27	5.73
Cordero	1	2	2	17.2	13	6.11
Santos	0	1	2	5.0	4	9.00
Igarashi	0	0	0	1.0	2	18.00

Last night's game not included

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Activated INF Mark Reynolds from 15-day DL. Placed RHP Stu Pomeranz on 15-day DL, retroactive to May 26.
BOSTON RED SOX — Activated OF Ryan Sweeney from the 7-day concussion DL. Optioned OF Che-Hsuan Lin to Pawtucket (IL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Activated C Jose Lobaton from the 15-day DL. Optioned C Chris Gimenez to Durham (IL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Recalled LHP Aaron Laffey from Las Vegas (PCL). Optioned RHP Chad Beck to Las Vegas.

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7 series)
Tomorrow's game
All times Eastern
Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 4
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 9
x-Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 11
x-New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 13
x-Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
x — if necessary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Kovalchuk, NJ	7	11	18
Giroux, Pha	8	9	17
D.Brown, LA	7	9	16
Kopitar, LA	6	9	15
B.Richards, NYR	6	9	15
Parise, NJ	7	7	14
Briere, Pha	8	5	13
Zajac, NJ	7	5	12
Girardi, NYR	3	9	12
Gaborik, NYR	5	6	11
M.Richards, LA	4	7	11
Henrique, NJ	3	8	11
Salvador, NJ	3	8	11
J.Williams, LA	2	9	11
Callahan, NYR	6	4	10
McDonald, StL	5	5	10
Vermette, Phx	5	5	10
Anisimov, NYR	3	7	10
Clarkson, NJ	3	7	10
Penner, LA	3	7	10
Del Zotto, NYR	2	8	10
Doughty, LA	2	8	10
Voracek, Pha	2	8	10
J.Staal, Pgh	6	3	9
Doan, Phx	5	4	9
Ovechkin, Wash	5	4	9
J.Carter, LA	4	5	9
B.Schenn, Pha	3	6	9
Zubrus, NJ	3	6	9
Stepan, NYR	1	8	9
Yandle, Phx	1	8	9
Boedker, Phx	4	4	8
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Zidlicky, NJ	1	7	8
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Chimera, Wash	4	3	7
Berglund, StL	3	4	7
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Fedotenko, NYR	2	5	7
Laich, Wash	2	5	7
Whitney, Phx	2	5	7
Langkow, Phx	1	6	7
R.Carter, NJ	4	2	6
Elias, NJ	4	2	6
Pyatt, Phx	4	2	6
Talbot, Pha	4	2	6
Bergenheim, Fla	3	3	6
B.Boyle, NYR	3	3	6
Hanzal, Phx	3	3	6
Kennedy, Pgh	3	3	6
Legwand, Nash	3	3	6
M.Staal, NYR	3	3	6
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S.Bernier, NJ	2	4	6
Carle, Pha	2	4	6
Dupuis, Pgh	2	4	6
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FRENCH OPEN

At Paris
Men's Singles — First Round
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Potito Starace, Italy, 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-1.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Tobias Kamke, Germany, 6-2, 7-5, 6-3.
Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, def. Dudi Sela, Israel, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.
John Isner (10), U.S., def. Rogerio Dutra Silva, Brazil, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Gilles Simon (11), France, def. Ryan Harrison, U.S., 3-6, 7-5, 6-4, 6-1.
Feliciano Lopez (15), Spain, lost to Florent Serra, France, 5-0 (retired).
Milos Raonic (19), Thornhill, Ont., def. Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo, Spain, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.
Marcel Granollers (20), Spain, def. Joao Sousa, Portugal, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Andreas Seppi (22), Italy, def. Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, 6-3, 7-6 (5), 7-5.
Radek Stepanek (23), Czech Republic, lost to David Goffin, Belgium, 6-2, 4-6, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Philipp Kohlschreiber (24), Germany, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Bernard Tomic (25), Australia, def. Andreas Haider-Maurer, Austria, 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-3.
Viktor Troicki (28), Serbia, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 4-6, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.
Kevin Anderson (31), South Africa, def. Rui Machado, Port., 7-6 (2), 6-7 (6), 4-6, 6-1, 11-9.
Martin Klizan, Slovakia, def. **Frank Dancevic, Niagara Falls, Ont.,** 4-0 (retired).
Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, def. Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, 7-6 (2), 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-3.
Malek Jaziri, Tunisia, def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 6-3, 7-5, 7-6 (7).
Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 2-6, 6-4.
Lukasz Kubot, Poland, def. Karol Beck, Slovakia, 7-5, 6-2, 7-5.
Adrian Ungur, Romania, def. David Nalbandian, Argentina, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, 7-5.
Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, def. Eric Prodon, France, 6-7 (8), 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.
Jesse Levine, United States, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4.
Women's Singles — First Round
Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Alberta Brianti, Italy, 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-2.
Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 6-1, 6-0.
Li Na (7), China, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 6-2, 6-1.
Marion Bartoli (8), France, def. Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-3.
Sabine Lisicki (12), Germany, lost to Bethanie Mattek-Sands, U.S., 6-4, 6-3.
Dominika Cibulkova (15), Slovakia, def. Kristina Mladenovic, France, 6-2, 6-1.
Roberta Vinci (17), Italy, lost to Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.
Flavia Pennetta (18), Italy, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-2.
Jelena Jankovic (19), Serbia, def. Patricia Mayr-Achleitner, Austria, 1-6, 6-1, 7-5.
Petra Cetkovska (24), Czech Republic, def. Simona Halep, Romania, 6-1, 6-3.
Nadia Petrova (27), Russia, def. Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-3.
Anabel Medina Garrigues (29), Spain, def. Laura Robson, Britain, 6-2, 6-1.
Mona Barthel (30), Germany, lost to Lauren Davis, U.S., 6-1, 6-1.
Zheng Jie (31), China, def. Alize Cornet, France, 6-4, 6-4.
Monica Niculescu (32), Romania, lost to Nina Bratchikova, Russia, 0-6, 6-3, 6-3.

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Columbus	12	5	4	3	13	13	18
Houston	11	4	3	4	12	12	16
New England	12	4	7	1	16	18	13
Montreal	13	3	7	3	15	21	12
Philadelphia	11	2	7	2	8	14	8
Toronto	10	1	9	0	8	21	3

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Vancouver	12	5	3	4	13	14	19
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Portland	12	3	5	4	12	15	13
Dallas	15	3	8	4	15	24	13
Los Angeles	13	3	8	2	15	21	11

Sunday's result
Kansas City 2 San Jose 1
Saturday's game
All times Eastern
Chicago at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 10
Houston at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 16
Dallas at Houston, 5 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
D.C. at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
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MIAMI (2) VS. BOSTON (4)
Last night's game
Boston at Miami
Tomorrow's game
All times Eastern
Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 5
x-Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 7
x-Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 9
x-Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SAN ANTONIO (1) V. OKLAHOMA CITY (2)
(San Antonio leads 1-0)
Sunday's result
San Antonio 101 Oklahoma City 98
Tonight's game
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
Thursday's game
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
Saturday's game
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
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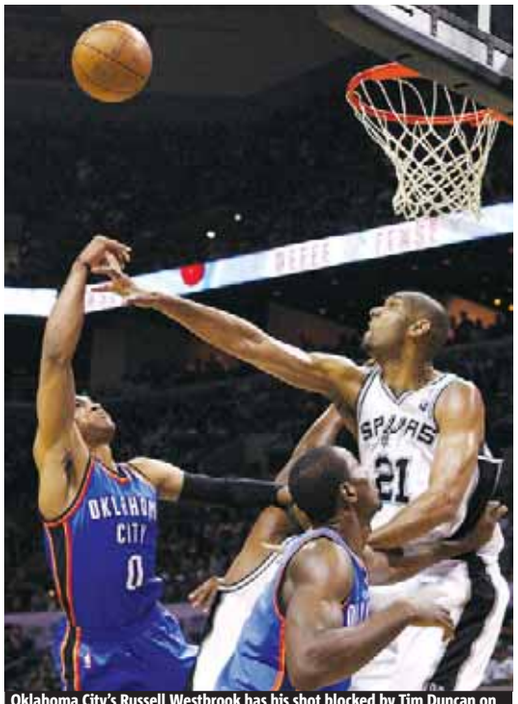
Spurs at their best when playing with 'nasty' edge



Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook has his shot blocked by Tim Duncan on Sunday night in San Antonio. MAXX WOLFSON/GETTY IMAGES

NBA. With Game 2 of West finals on deck, San Antonio on verge of 20-game win streak

Gregg Popovich's "I want some nasty!" is fast becoming the catchphrase of the NBA playoffs. It's eminently quotable, brash and an overnight splash.

It's everything the veteran-led San Antonio Spurs are not.

They've also heard far worse in timeouts from the NBA coach of the year, who bellowed his now-famous and fuming marching orders that jump-started a fourth-quarter rally, extended a history-matching winning streak to 19 and left Oklahoma City stunned heading into Game 2 of the Western Conference finals on Tuesday night.

"You've got to watch Pop — he's good at turning that microphone on and off," Spurs forward Stephen Jackson said Monday. "You don't hear some of the stuff he says."

All the Thunder mostly heard Monday were questions about their costly collapse down the stretch.

Oklahoma City started the fourth quarter leading — a rare feat against the Spurs in the 47 days since their last loss. Going up 2-0 would put the Spurs among just three other teams in NBA history with winning streaks of 20 games or longer.

It would also break the record for longest winning streak extended in the playoffs.

"We really don't care," guard Manu Ginobili said. "We are close — seven games — from accomplishing something way better than a streak."

It's the first time the Thunder have trailed in a playoff series since being down 1-0 in the West finals last season. They answered with a Game 2 win in Dallas then had their season quickly spiral to an end with three straight losses.

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Quoted

"You can't give up a 30-point quarter in a playoff game and expect to win."

Oklahoma City's Derek Fisher. The Thunder were actually outscored 39-27 by the Spurs in the fourth quarter of Game 1.

AHL. Injuries keep Marlies on their toes ahead of final

Dallas Eakins has put his team on notice — anyone's name could be called to suit up in the AHL's Calder Cup final.

Three rounds of playoff hockey are catching up to the Toronto Marlies: Six players missed Monday's practice with various injuries while two others took part but are still waiting to be cleared for game action.

"All of our guys are on a red alert that their time could be coming," head coach Eakins said of filling his roster spots. "And you can see it at practice: they have a little more jump. I don't have to yell at them to get them going."

The team that opened this year's post-season is much different than the one that took the ice Monday to begin preparation for the Calder Cup final against the Norfolk Admirals.

Forwards Mike Zigomanis, Nazem Kadri and Matt Frattin and defencemen Jesse Blacker, Korbinian Holzer and Mark Fraser all skipped practice with injuries while wingers Marcel Mueller and Carter Ashton skated, but not on the team's top four lines.

Though Eakins said it was a good sign to have Ashton and Mueller at the rink, he wouldn't give details of the injuries or a timeline for when anyone would return to the lineup.

"Right now, anybody that wasn't on the ice is hurt and they'll play when they're healed," he said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Another level in NL

It's uncertain when the current players who are injured will return, but it's unlikely all of them will be ready before Toronto heads to Norfolk to face the Admirals in Game 1 on Friday.

Quoted

"We've probably got four or five guys who are playing extremely hurt and for those guys not to pack it in is huge."

Dallas Eakins, Toronto Marlies head coach.

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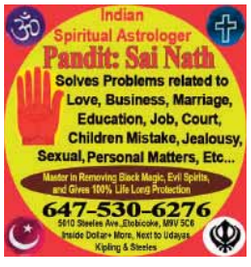
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4 Wanders
9 Aware
12 Boudreau of baseball
13 Otherwise
14 Can. neighbour
15 1957 Astaire movie
17 Crafty
18 Corn spike
19 Chops into small bits
21 Reflective power
24 Grad
25 Romanian money
26 Overactor
28 Flounder through puddles
31 Token of defiance
33 Papa
35 Elbow counterpart
36 Examine ore
38 Affirmative
40 Blunder
41 Support group?
43 Game participant
45 Sunday meal
47 Science workplace
48 Thither
49 Bees' structure
54 A billion years
55 Hackneyed
56 Retainer
57 Firmament
58 Handle the helm
59 Adipose tissue

Down

1 Sprite
2 Old French coin
3 Bit of wordplay
4 Capital of Saudi Arabia
5 On unpaved areas
6 Literary collection
7 Starbucks flavour
8 Pilfers
9 Bribe of a sort
10 Gilligan's home
11 Picks up the check
16 Born
20 Pout
21 Plankton component
22 Meadows
23 Thorn in Elmer Fudd's side
27 Spring time
29 Withered
30 Munich mister
32 Deserve
34 Use up
37 America's Cup contenders
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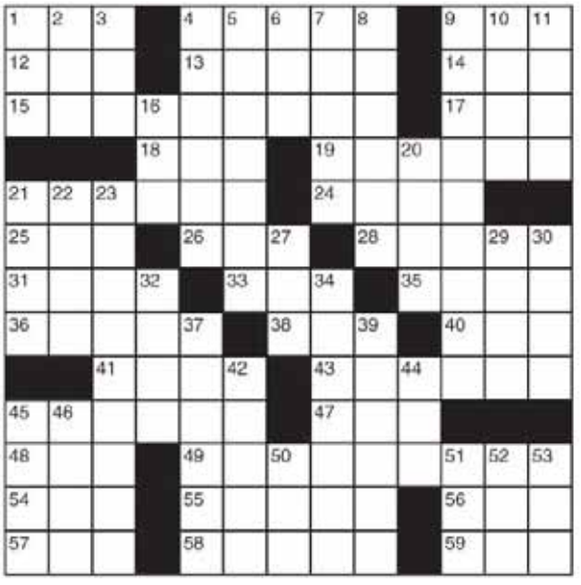

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4						3		
3		2		4			5	1

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	1	5	2	8	9	6	4	7
9	4	6	3	7	5	8	2	1
2	8	7	6	4	1	9	3	5
8	2	9	5	6	3	7	1	4
6	5	3	4	1	7	2	8	9
4	7	1	9	2	8	5	6	3
7	6	4	1	5	2	3	9	8
1	3	8	7	9	6	4	5	2
5	9	2	8	3	4	1	7	6

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Don't focus too much on work today. Give yourself time off from your chores and give yourself permission to have fun.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Call it as you see it today, even if it means offending someone you have feelings for.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Passion planet Pluto will stir your emotions today and there may be times when your feelings get a bit extreme.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. What's done is done and cannot be undone, and the sooner you let go of the past and focus on the future the better.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. If you find yourself caught between rival factions today you must get yourself out of the firing line as quickly as possible.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. If you believe in what you are doing then today's Sun-Pluto link won't have any effect on you.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You just know that some seriously good opportunities are coming your way. Don't waste them.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Today's somewhat negative influences will make minor details look more important than they really are.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Some things are important and some things don't matter. Do you know how to tell the difference?

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You seem to be making things difficult for yourself for no good reason.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. If anyone needs a helping hand or a shoulder to cry on today you will be there in a flash. But don't get so caught up in their woes that you lose sight of what is important for you. Your feelings matter too.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. The planets warn there is a danger you will arrive at a conclusion about someone on no more than hearsay evidence, which could turn them against you. SALLY BROMPTON

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